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GRAND JURY IN KANSAS CITY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Kansas City, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that nine individuals were indicted on Nov. 10, 2004, by a federal grand jury in Kansas City, Kan. Those indicted include:

- **Mark Manuel McGee**, 32, Kansas City, Mo., and **Kyle Anthony Crayton**, 24, Kansas City, Kan., who are charged with one count of conspiring to kill a witness in a federal criminal case, one count of attempting to kill a witness in a federal criminal case, and one count of discharging a firearm in an attempt to kill a witness.

According to the indictment, Crayton drove a stolen Oldsmobile head-on into a witness' vehicle at an intersection in Lawrence, Kan. on April 29, 2004. Then he shot at the witness as the witness drove away from the scene of the collision. The witness was shot through both legs with a 9 mm slug.

According to the indictment, Crayton was recruited by McGee to shoot the witness to prevent the witness from testifying in a drug trafficking case pending in U.S. District Court in Kansas against Andre Lamar Ivory. Knowing that someone had cooperated with law enforcement to build the case against him, the indictment says, Ivory came up with the idea of killing the witness. McGee and Crayton joined in the conspiracy to identify and kill the witness, the indictment says, along with Ivory, Pamela Renea Tyler, Chaconie Edwards and Kimberly Marie Sanders, all of whom already have been charged.

If convicted, McGee and Crayton face up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on the charges of conspiracy and attempting to kill a witness, and a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life on the charge of discharging a firearm in an attempt to kill a witness. The case was investigated by the Lawrence, Kan. Police Department, the Douglas

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County Sheriff's Office, the Douglas County Drug Enforcement Unit, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Marshals Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Rask.

- **William Kemp Wilson, Jr.**, 50, Lenexa, who is charged with five counts of bank robbery.

According to the indictment, on Aug. 16, 2004 Wilson robbed Bank Midwest in Lenexa, Kan. of \$2,450 in U.S. currency; on Aug. 23, 2004 he robbed Commerce Bank in Lenexa of \$22,670 in U.S. currency; on Sept. 20, 2004 he robbed Commerce Bank in Lenexa again of \$2,538 in U.S. currency; on Oct. 4, 2004 he robbed Citizens National Bank in Lenexa of \$6,760 in U.S. currency; and on Oct. 19, 2004 he robbed the First National Bank of Olathe of \$4,700 in U.S. currency.

If convicted, Wilson faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Shawnee, Kan. Police Department and the Lenexa, Kan. Police Department.

- **Richard Cook**, 44, Kansas City, Kan., who is charged with one count of perjury. According to the indictment, Cook intentionally made false statements on Oct. 28, 2004 while under oath in a drug trafficking case pending in United States District Court in Kansas.

If convicted, Cook could face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheri McCracken.

- **Jose Angel Vasquez-Hernandez**, 29, Macksville, Kan., who is charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute 556.9 grams of methamphetamine on March 7, 2003 in Stafford County, Kan.

If convicted, Vasquez-Hernandez faces a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years in federal prison and not more than life, and a \$4 million fine. The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mona Furst.

- **Rueben Avila-Cervantes**, 29, in custody in Shawnee County, Kan.; **Ignacio Avila-Cervantes**, in custody in Shawnee County, Kan.; and **Onesimo Atayde-Amaya**, 22, in custody in Shawnee County, Kan. They are charged with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine and one count of possession of 500 grams or more of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

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The conspiracy is alleged to have taken place from Oct. 10, 2004 to Nov. 4, 2004 in Shawnee County, Kan. The possession charge is alleged to have occurred Nov. 3, 2004 in Shawnee County, Kan.

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life, and a \$4 million fine, on each count. The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Hough.

- **Miguel Angel Romero-Lemus**, 31, a citizen of Mexico, who is charged with illegally reentering the United States after being deported Dec. 5, 2003. He was deported because he had been convicted of an aggravated felony. Romero-Lemus was arrested Nov. 2, 2004 in Kansas City, Kan.

If convicted, Romero-Lemus could face up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.